

**DODGE COUNTY
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
November 4, 2014**

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by Chair, MaryAnn Miller, at 8:00 a.m.; a quorum was established with the following members present:

MaryAnn Miller
Darrell Pollesch
Lisa Derr
Larry Bischoff
Larry Schraufnagel

Also Present: Russell Kottke, Dodge County Board Chairman John Storck, Circuit Court Judge; Joseph Sciascia, Circuit Court Judge; Lynn Hron, Clerk of Courts; Kurt Klomberg, District Attorney; Bob Barrington, District Attorney Managing Attorney; Bernie Mueller, Child Support Agency; Patricia Ninmann, Dodge County Sheriff; Scott Smith, Chief Deputy, Sheriff's Department; Patrick Schoebel, Medical Examiner; Steven Seim, Family Court Commissioner; Teri Peterson, Daily Citizen Reporter; Barb Brandt, Br. 4 Judicial Assistant.

Miller certifies compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Approval of Agenda and Allow for Deviation: Motion made by Schraufnagel to approve Agenda and to allow for deviation; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Pollesch to approve Minutes of October 3, 2014; second by Bischoff. Motion carried.

Communications: None

Announcements: Maryann has been re-appointed to the Steering Committee for Public Safety.

Circuit Court/Judge's Report: Judge Storck reported to the committee that the number of mental commitments has significantly increased this year. These were up 20% from 2013 numbers and up 35% since 2012. He explained the process where doctors are appointed for evaluations and how this increase has affected the budget. Because of a large bill received from one provider, he does not expect to be able to 'give' money back to the budget. He explained that this bill was for numerous patients, but was not received until just recently. He pointed out that the amounts billed for services are reasonable but many statements came in at one time. DA Klomberg added that we have very good people who are providing these services.

Judge Storck asked the committee to look at some alternate dates for meetings in 2014 as some of the regular Friday meeting times will fall during holidays.

Items the Security Committee is working on include reporting and responses to security risks. He also reported on the recently presentation made by the chief of the UW Police, who emphasized that any security risk needed the appropriate response. Improvement projects include the 2016 electronics upgrade in the jail, which will also include the electronics in the courthouse.

There is also a SWAT training planned for the courthouse in the future.

Clerk of Courts Report: Lynn reported at least until July of 2015, she will not be filling a recent staff position opening. This is mainly because of the conversion to going paperless in her office.

In the last two weeks she has had the Waupaca and Winnebago Counties visiting to look at our paperless system.

Child Support Report: Bernie advised that after a year and a half, her department is again at full staff. They just hired a worker that comes from the Sheboygan County Child Support with 20 plus years of experience.

District Attorney Report: DA Klomberg has brought a Resolution seeking county board support for the state funding of two additional ADA positions for his office. The Wisconsin District Attorney Association, of which Kurt is a board member, is backing the state funding because of the current shortage of ADA's. Dodge County is currently understaffed - some counties are below 50% of the staff they should have. This understaffing has a direct impact on case flow and justice. His office, using the system they do of incorporating multiple charges into one case still shows his office is 1.36 under the assessment of need. He explained how some counties have a separate case for each charge. His office's manner of prosecuting cases helps them move along by having one DA and one judge on the case.

Kurt explained that prior to 1990 the District Attorneys and Assistant DA's were county employees. By having these positions made into State positions, salaries were equalized throughout the state so greatly helped with retention for counties.

All of the County District Attorneys are asking their county boards for resolutions supporting the DA's request for additional staffing. In Dodge County he does not believe that additional DA's would have any impact on the county budget because support staff is able to handle the work and their offices in the Justice Facility were planned to handle additional staff.

Derr moved to support the Resolution with a second by Pollesch. After discussion, the motion carried.

Kurt further explained his plan on dividing cases and that one DA would most likely be assigned specifically to be the TAD and substance abuse prosecutor.

Medical Examiner Report: ME Schoebel had no report for the Committee at this meeting.

Sheriff Department Report: Sheriff Ninmann reported that the Crime Prevention Fund received two donations this past month. \$100 from Rev. Dennis Kneer and \$400 from the Beaver Dam High School Class of 1974.

She would like to use \$700 from the Crime Prevention Fund to purchase Narcan kits for 40 squads. Deputies would be trained in it's use. The Beaver Dam group is in favor of this purchase and allocation of their donation for this use.

Schraufnagel moved with a second by Bischoff to authorize the purchase of the Narcan kits from the Crime Prevention Fund. Motion carried.

The Sheriff explained that since there is a shelf life for this, there is going to be an exchange process so that the units will always have unexpired Narcan with them.

The resolution regarding transitioning the TAD Program from the Sheriff's Department to Human Services will be tabled to the December meeting.

Other business: The District Attorney's Office presentation was made by Bob Barrington. He gave an overview of that office including attorney staff, support personnel and victim witness areas, along with the funding used for each area. He explained all the various kinds of cases handled along with the departments that they receive referrals from. Bob explained that some of the decrease in cases is because of the many local municipalities who now have their own courts.

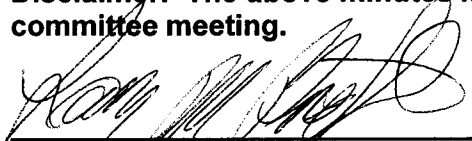
The DA's office provides support to Law Enforcement on a 24/7 basis which includes warrant service. They will also respond to crime scenes and support for the medical examiner.

Because of a time constraint, the tour of the DA office will take place after next month's meeting, with the Child Support Agency presentation being pushed back a month to January.

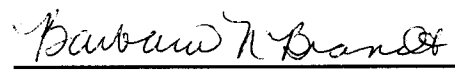
Next Meeting: Friday, December 5, 2014 at 8:00 a.m. at the Dodge County Justice Facility.

Adjournment: Motion by Schraufnagel to adjourn meeting; second by Derr. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m..

Disclaimer: The above minutes may be approved, amended or corrected at the next committee meeting.



Larry M. Bischoff, Secretary



Barbara N. Brandt, Recording Secretary